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Applicant: NATH ET AL. Examiner: Minh Le  
Serial No.: 09/884,837 Group Art Unit: 2652  
Filed: JUNE 19, 2001 Docket No.: 30874.106USU1  
Title: REDUCED LUBRICANT ACCUMULATING SLIDER

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 25, 2003, please amend this application as indicated herein. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the present amendment. This version is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In the Claims

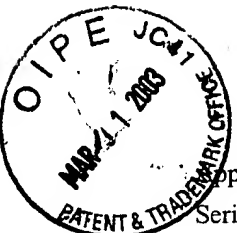
Please cancel claims 15 – 20 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

21. (NEW) A reduced lubricant accumulating slider, of the type used in a disk drive, the slider comprising:
- first and second oppositely disposed air bearing land surfaces;
  - a lowered area between the first air bearing land surface and the second air bearing land surface;

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